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**February 26, 2022 | 2:00 PM**



A Service of  
Praise and Thanksgiving for  
***Beth Ann Orton***

*At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth. At the funeral we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection.*

*When the church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope of healing.*

The people's responses are in **bold**. Please join us in singing the hymns listed using the red pew hymnals.

## Prelude

### GATHERING

#### Introduction

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

#### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### Prayer of the Day

#### Eulogies

#### Colapso

**Kevin Kaarl**

### WORD

#### Readings

##### Psalm 28:6-9

<sup>6</sup>Blessed be the LORD,  
for he has heard the sound of my  
pleadings. <sup>7</sup>The LORD is my  
strength and my shield; in him my  
heart trusts; so I am helped, and my  
heart exults, and with my song I give  
thanks to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD is the  
strength of his people; he is the  
saving refuge of his anointed. <sup>9</sup>O  
save your people, and bless your  
heritage; be their shepherd, and  
carry them forever.

##### Psalm 39:12-13

<sup>12</sup>"Hear my prayer, O LORD,  
and give ear to my cry;  
do not hold your peace at my tears.  
For I am your passing guest,  
an alien, like all my forebears.  
<sup>13</sup>Turn your gaze away from me,  
that I may smile again, before I  
depart and am no more."

##### Psalm 42:6-8

<sup>6</sup>and my God.  
My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of  
Hermon, from Mount Mizar.  
<sup>7</sup>Deep calls to deep at the thunder of  
your cataracts; all your waves and  
your billows have gone over me.  
<sup>8</sup>By day the LORD commands his  
steadfast love, and at night his song  
is with me, a prayer to the God of  
my life.

##### Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Gospel

John 11:21-27

<sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

## Sermon

### On Eagle's Wings

Hymn 787

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### MEAL

### The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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### Thanksgiving at the Table

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Lamb of God

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### Holy Communion

**Music at Communion** Sit Next to Me

Foster the People

**Table Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

SENDING

**Commendation**

**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

**Hymn 779**

**Benediction**

**Go In Love**

**Don Besig**

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Postlude**

SERVING TODAY

Preaching/Presiding: Rev. Ellen Williams

Assisting Minister: Rev. Candice Combs

Musicians: Katherine Altobello-O'Brien, Tim O'Brien, vocals; Austin Haller,  
piano and vocals; Darin Layne, guitar; Andrew Fuhrman, drums

***Beth Ann Orton***

*September 27, 1962 - February 11, 2022*

Beth Orton was the beloved daughter of Kenneth and Anita Orton, and the sister of Jim Orton. Beth was the mother of Sofia. She grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is preceded in death by her father, and survived by her mother, brother and his wife Carol, her nephew Zack and fiancé Caitlin, cousins, many friends, and her daughter.

She loved the outdoors, and running, especially with her dad and her friend DeAnn. She loved going to her family's lake cabin in Northern Minnesota every summer, which she continued to do all her life.

Beth attended Augustana University and then got her masters in Social Work at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She lived and worked in Minnesota before moving to Austin.

Beth was a social worker and worked for most of her career at Communities in Schools in Austin, and most of that time at Allison Elementary. She met many of her dearest friends through her job, and had a tight-knit group that stayed very close for decades. Parents, students and staff of Allison will miss Beth for years to come.

She was committed to working with children and families, and was always an athlete - running, walking, and working out. She loved Lady Bird Lake - walking the hike and bike trail with friends, then later pushing strollers, and kayaking out on the water.

The love and the light of Beth's life was her daughter, Sofia. Sofia was baptized at St. Martin's Ev. Lutheran Church in 2007 with godparents Carmen Retzlaff and Mike Macicak, and their families intentionally intertwined from that time forward.

Beth loved being a mom with every fiber of her being, and flung herself into everything Sofia did, and surrounded her, as one friend said, with enough love for ten parents. Beth and Sofia loved living in Mueller and had a strong community there. Beth and Sofia were a strong and sweet family: they loved kayaking, watching Disney princess movies, then Gilmore Girls, and traveling together. They were a team. Beth loved going to every track meet and dance performance and was incredibly proud of Sofia.

Many of Beth's friends are friends who joyfully parented with her in various schools and groups. Beth's gift was to build community, and she surrounded Sofia with a loving village of epic proportions. She will be missed beyond measure.